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SUBJECT: SALE OF JET AIRCRAFT TO DENMARK

SUMMARY. PROPOSED SALE OF SIX SURPLUS F-100 AIRCRAFT TO DANISH AIR FORCE HAS RUN INTO TEMPORARY SNAG DUE TO OBJECTION BY SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY. OBJECTION NECESSITATES MEETING OF FOLKETING FINANCE COMMITTEE AUGUST 7 WHICH IS EXPECTED TO OVERRIDE OBJECTION AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE. END SUMMARY

1. DANISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LAST WEEK REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM FOLKETING FINANCE COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE SIX SURPLUS AMERICAN F-100 JET AIRCRAFT FOR DANISH AIR FORCE. AS DANISH AIR FORCE IS PHASING OUT ITS HAWKER HUNTER SQUADRON, IT IS INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL F-100'S FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. MAAG DENMARK OFFERED SIX AIRCRAFT AT FAVORABLE PRICE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WILL COST ANOTHER THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

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2. MOD REQUEST RAN INTO SNAG WHEN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER (HENNING PHILIPSEN) FROM SOCIALIST PEOPLES' PARTY (SF), LEFT-WING SOCIALIST PARTY ON WHICH GOVT DEPENDS FOR PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT, OBJECTED TO AUTHORIZATION ON GROUNDS THAT DEFMIN KJELD OLESEN HAD NOT SOUGHT SEPARATE PROCUREMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE AIRCRAFT BUT HAD SOUGHT TO USE EXCESS FUNDS FROM ORDINARY OPERATING BUDGET. GOVT WAS FORCED, CONSEQUENTLY, TO SCHEDULE MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR AUGUST 7 TO CONSIDER SF OBJECTION.

3. EMBASSY'S MOD AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SOURCES INFORM US THAT PHILIPSEN'S OBJECTION IS PURELY FORMAL ONE, RAISED SOLELY FOR ANTI-NATO PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, AND THAT FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL AUTHORIZE PURCHASE AT ITS MEETING AUGUST 7. MOD ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF OFFER STILL IS PENDING OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS RE TERMS OF PAYMENT AND DELIVERY DATE, BUT THESE ARE EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED SHORTLY. DUNNIGAN

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